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SUBJECT: EFFECT OF GDR CLAIMS REGISTRATION BY US ON
FRG COMPENSATION PROGRAM

1. US MISSION BERLIN HAS REPORTED BY LETTER THAT HEAD OF
AUSGLEICHSAMT, BEZIRKSAMT ZEHLENDORF, BERLIN RECENTLY
ADVISED MISSION THAT FRG EXPECTED TO HALT PROCESSING OF
APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFITS UNDER BURDEN EQUALIZATION LAW
BY FORMER GERMAN NATIONALS WHO HAVE ACQUIRED US CITIZEN-
SHIP. REASON CITED BY AUSGLEICHSAMT FOR THIS ACTION
IS FRG ASSUMPTION THAT US FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT
COMMISSION (FCSC) WILL COMPENSATE FOR LOSSES IN GDR.
MISSION PROPERLY REPLIED BEZIRKSAMT THAT FRG REASONING NOT
CORRECT AND THAT FCSC NOT IN POSITION TO PAY SUCH CLAIMS.

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2. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY BONN TO FOLLOW UP WITH

APPROPRIATE FRG OFFICIALS IN ORDER TO CLARIFY FRG
INTENTIONS. IN DISCUSSING THIS MATTER WITH FRG, EMBASSY
OFFICERS MAY WISH TO POINT OUT THAT IT APPEARS LIKELY US
WILL REORGANIZE GDR CLAIMS PROGRAM IN ORDER TO ADJUDICATE,
NOT MERELY REGISTER, CLAIMS AT OUTSET OF PROCESS RATHER
THAN DELAY ADJUDICATION UNTIL AFTER CONCLUSION OF

US-GDR NEGOTIATIONS. THUS EVENTUAL SETTLEMENT OF
INDIVIDUAL CLAIMS IS UNLIKELY OVER THE NEAR TERM. PENDING
LASTENAUSGLEICH APPLICATIONS ARE FOR MOST PART ON BEHALF
OF ELDERLY PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN AWAITING DECISIONS BY
FRG FOR SEVERAL YEARS. SINCE US WILL NOT BE IN POSITION
TO PAY CLAIMANTS IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES
IT WOULD BE IN INTEREST OF ALL CONCERNED TO SPEED
PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS NOW PENDING BEFORE FRG
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